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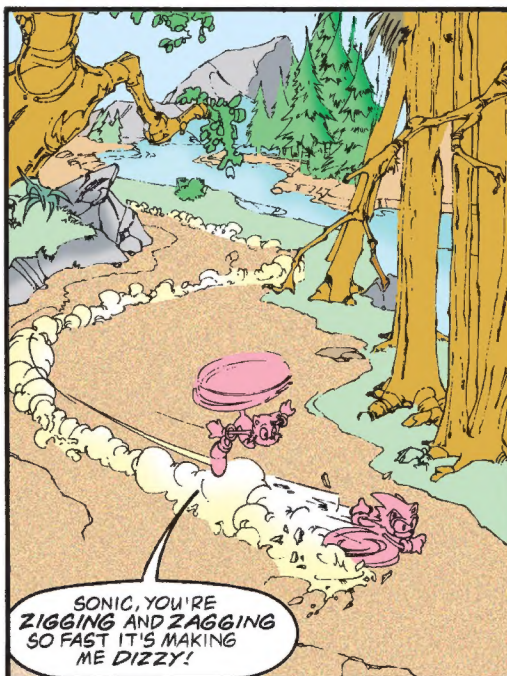
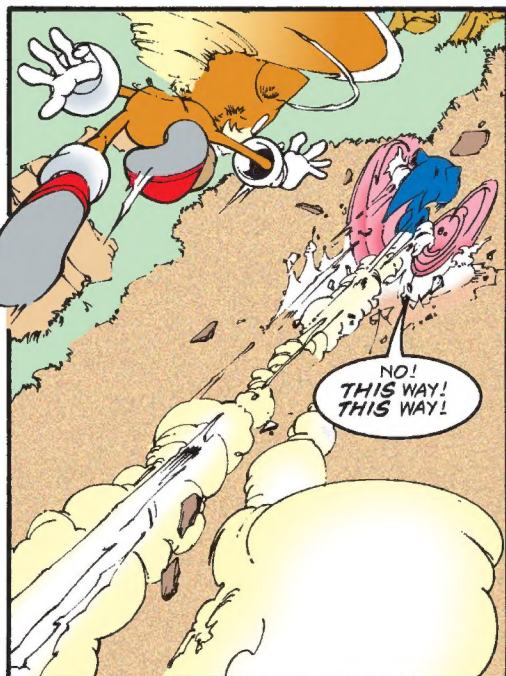
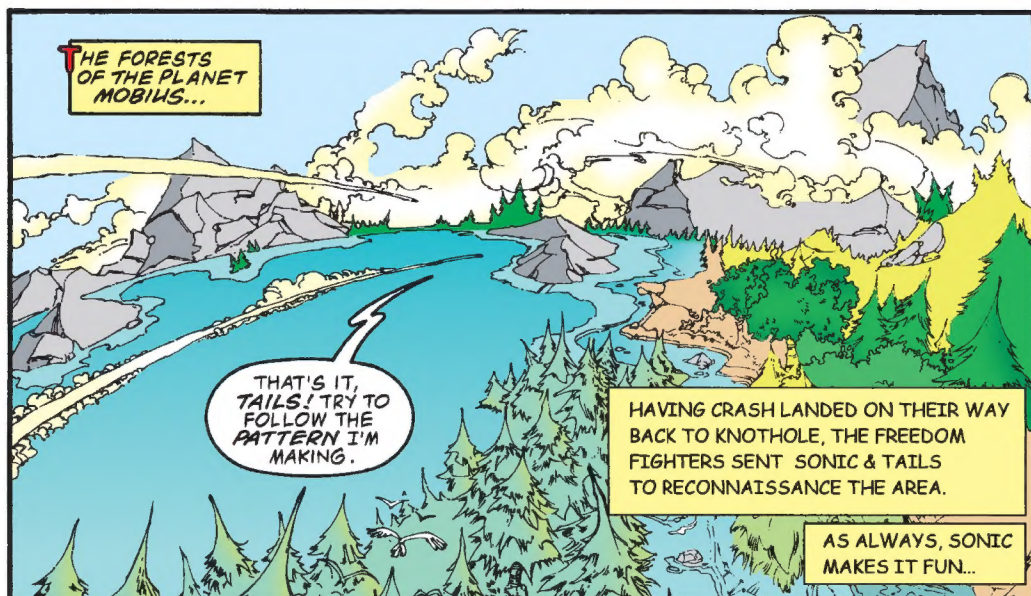
HEY!
DIDN'T I BEAT YOU
LAST MONTH!?

NOT EXACTLY!!



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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



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THAT'S IT,
TAILS! YOU'VE GOT
IT NOW!

YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO FOLLOW ANYBODY
ANYWHERE!

AH, LOOK AT THEM. SO
CHEERFUL AND OPTIMISTIC.
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
AND HIS SIDEKICK TAILS,
THE FLYING FOX.

IT'S TOUCHING
TO SEE THIS DISPLAY
OF FRIENDSHIP--

SO TOUCHING TO SEE
THOSE I HATE ENJOYING
THEMSELVES...

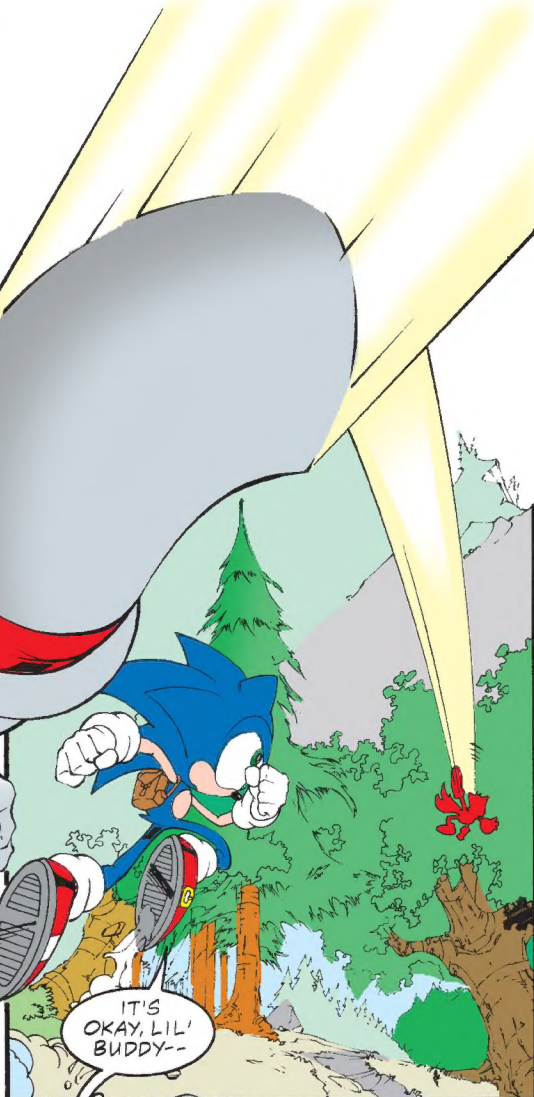
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I WILL SOON TURN THEIR
JOY TO TERROR!"

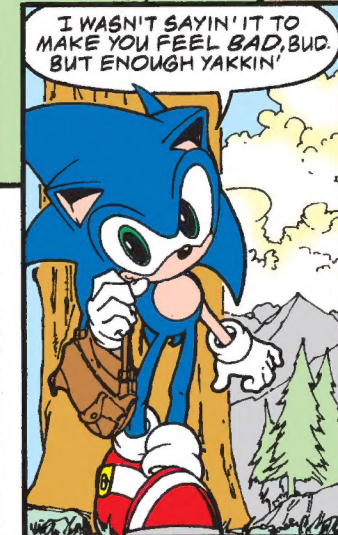
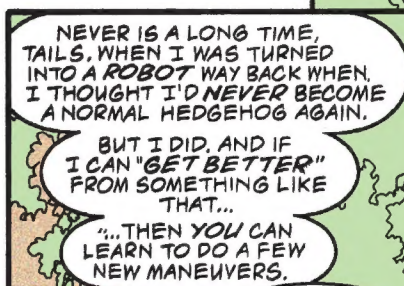
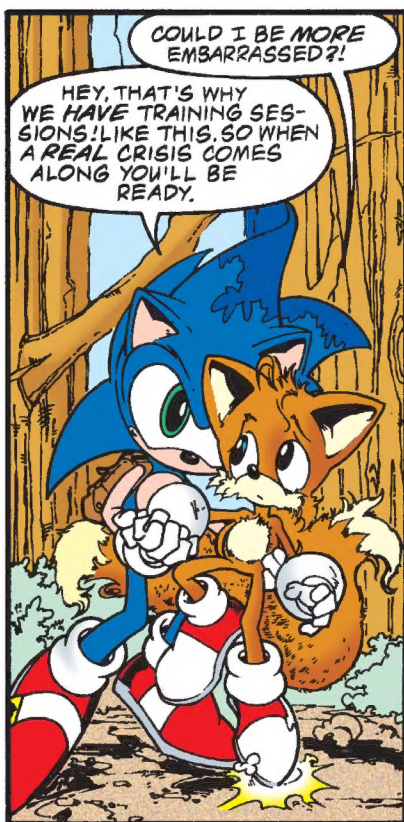
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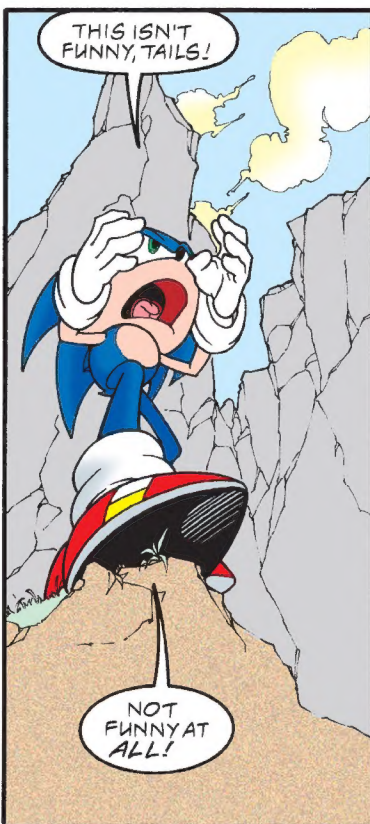
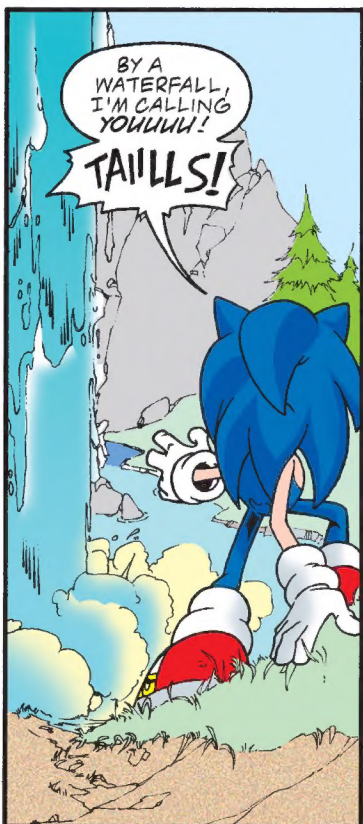
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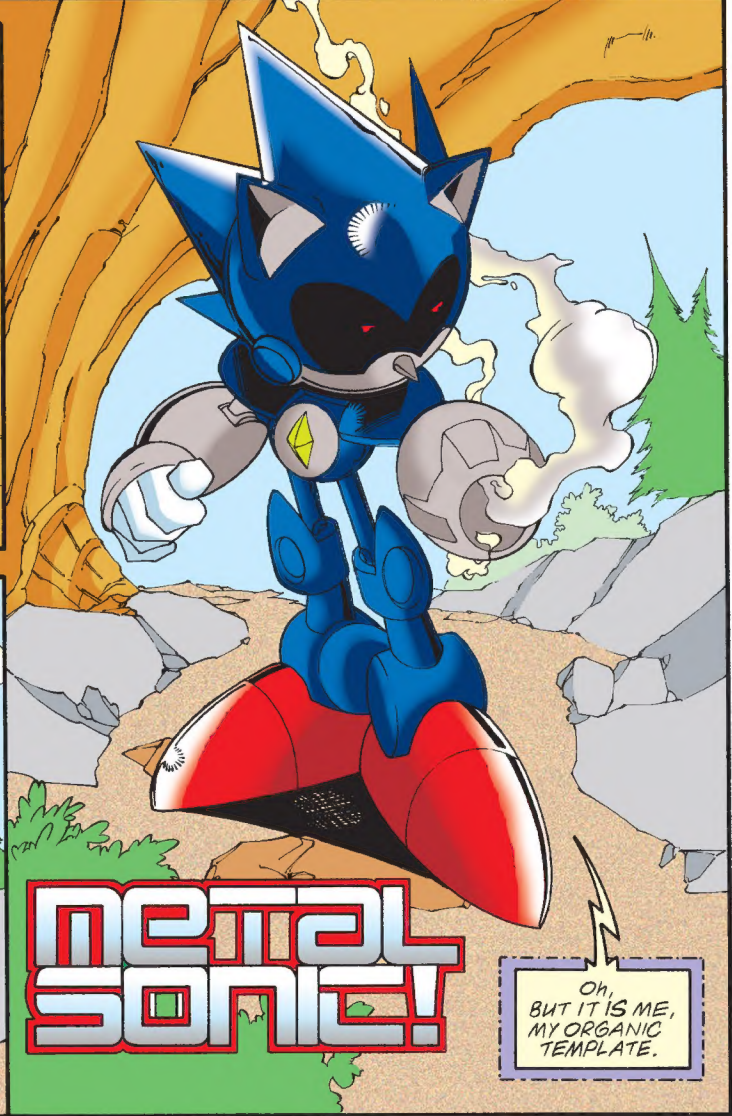
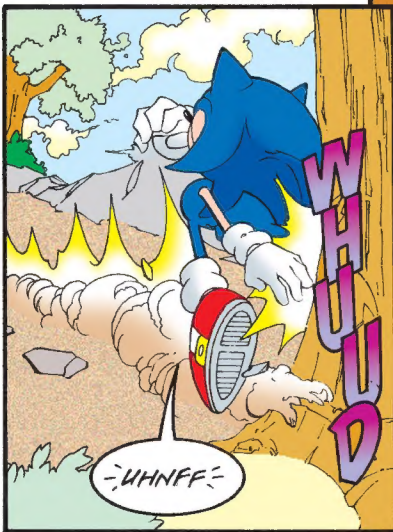
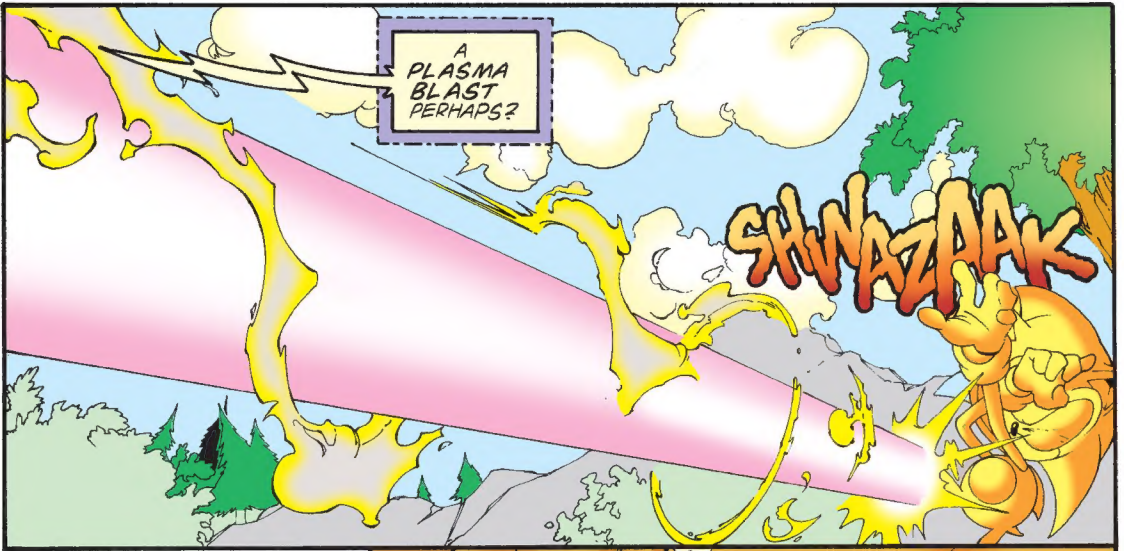
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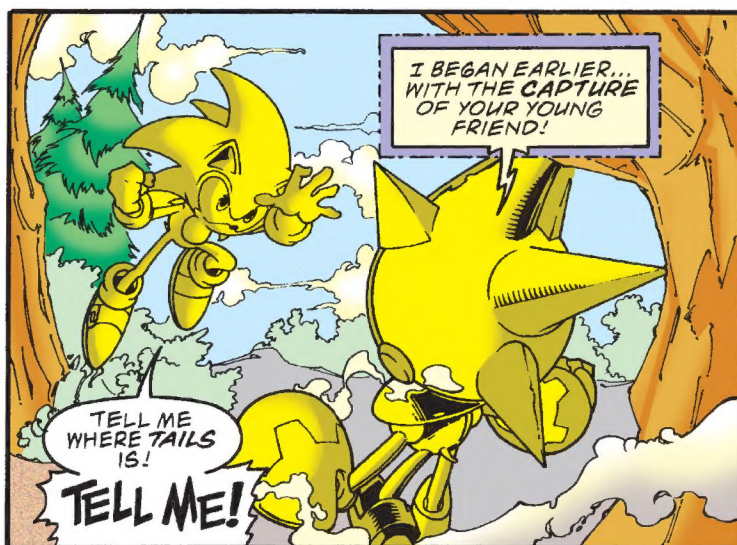
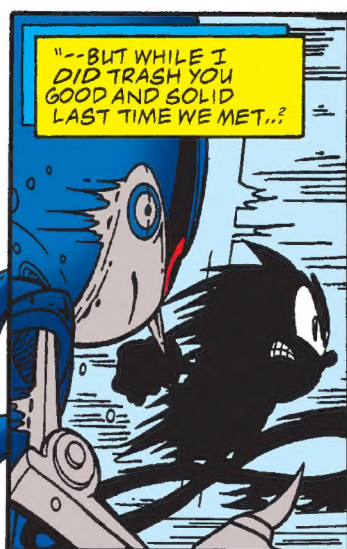
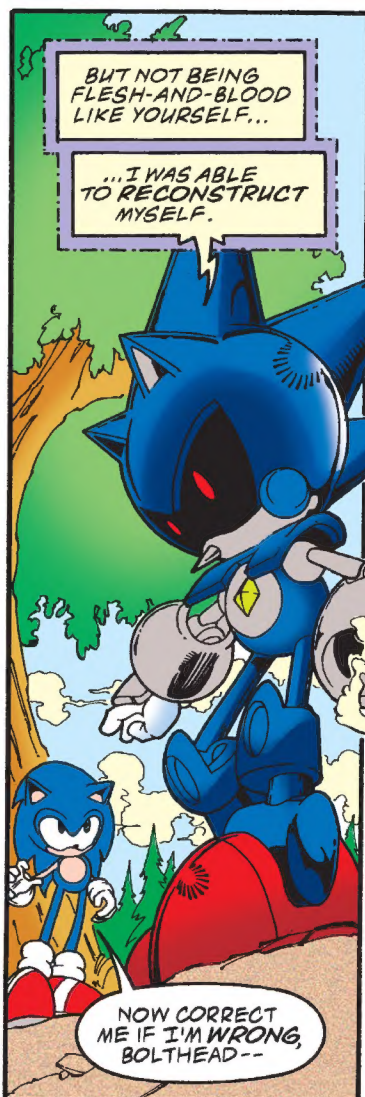
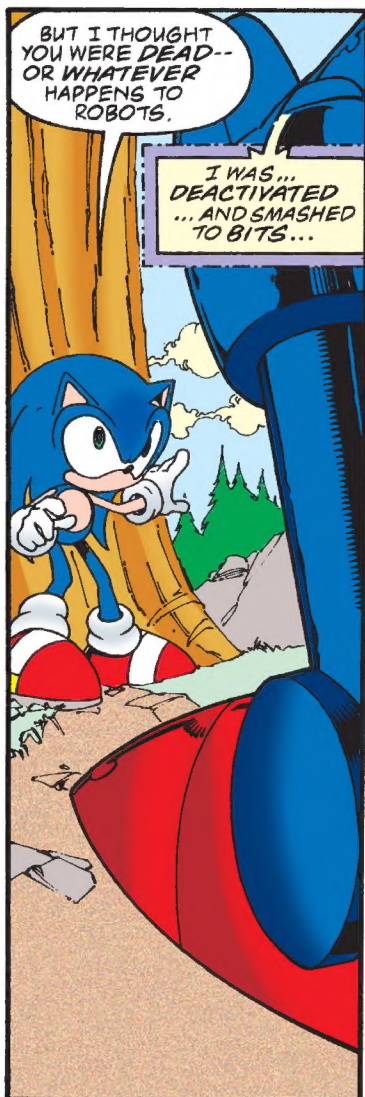


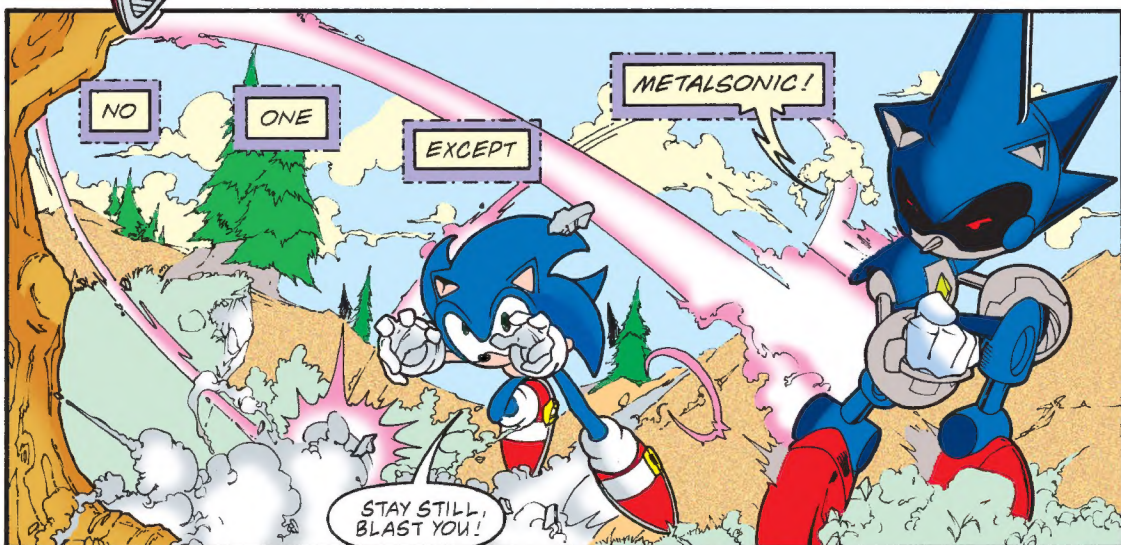
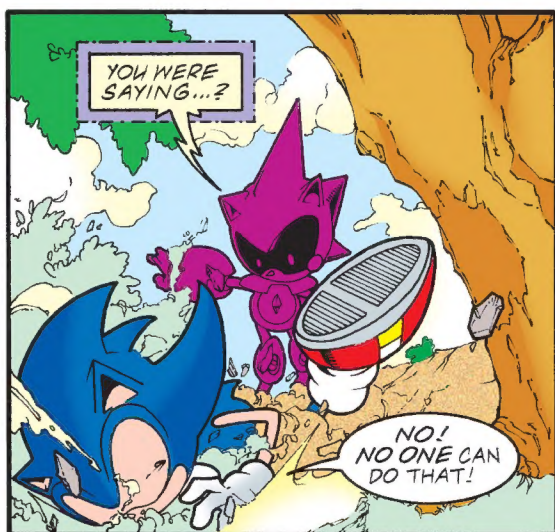
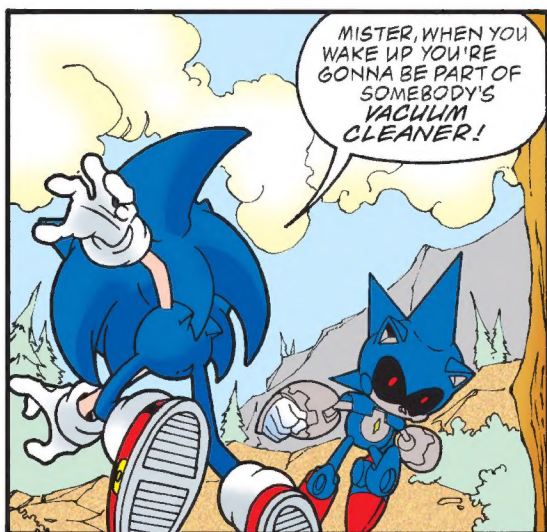
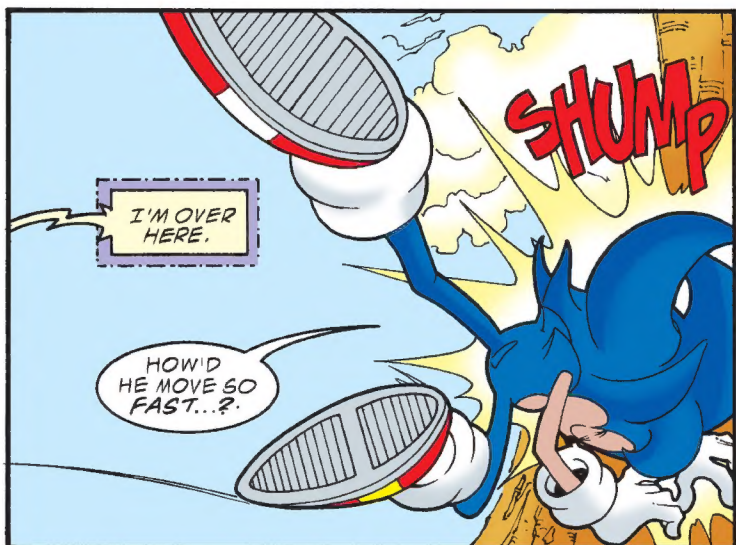


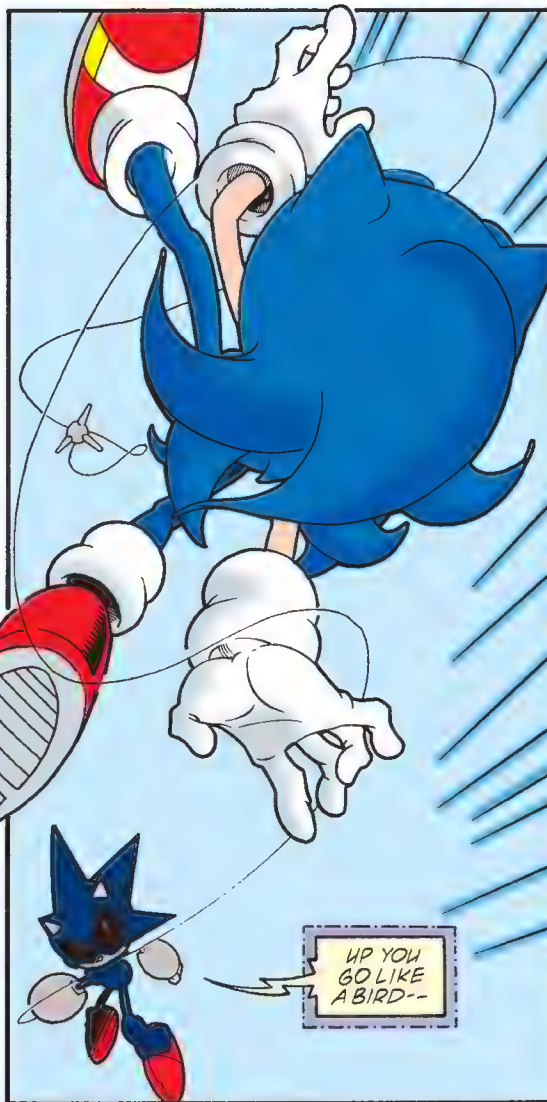
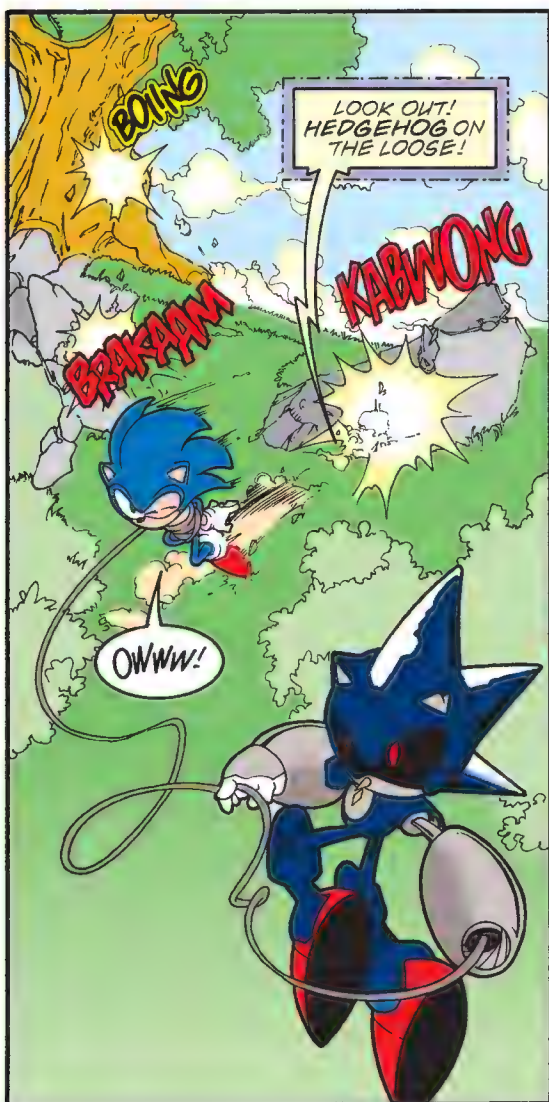
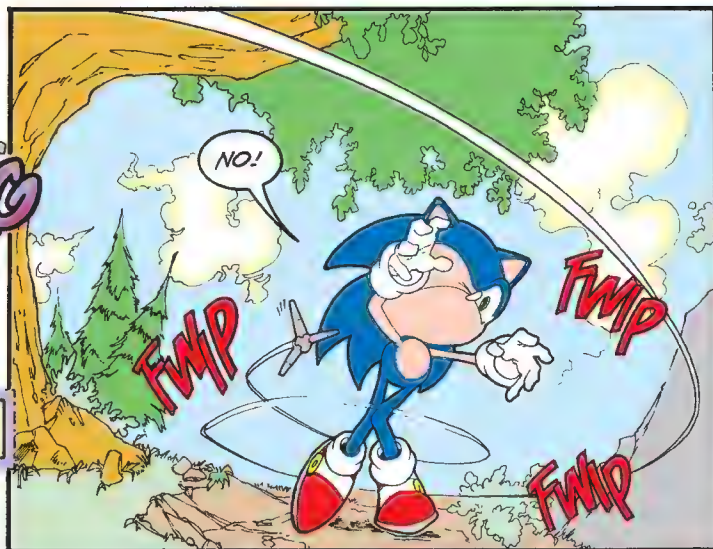
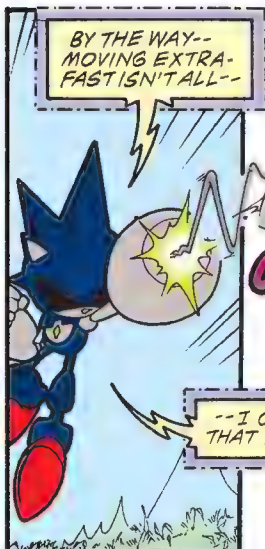


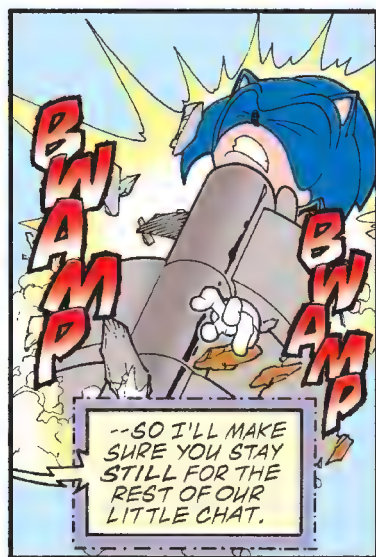
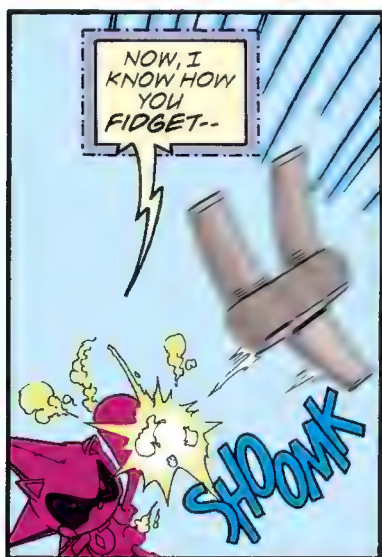
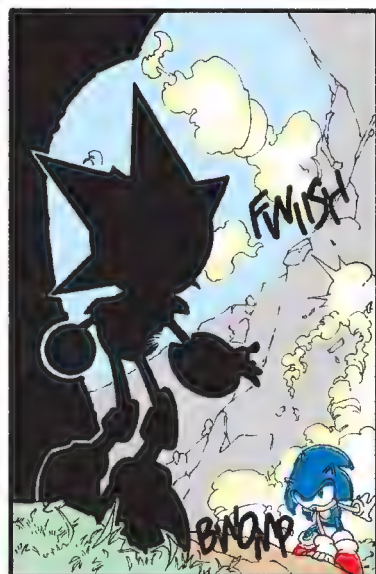
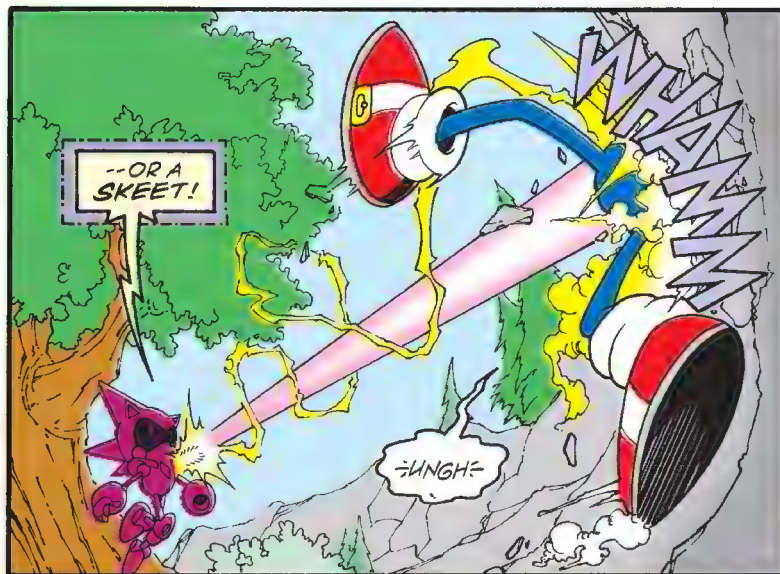


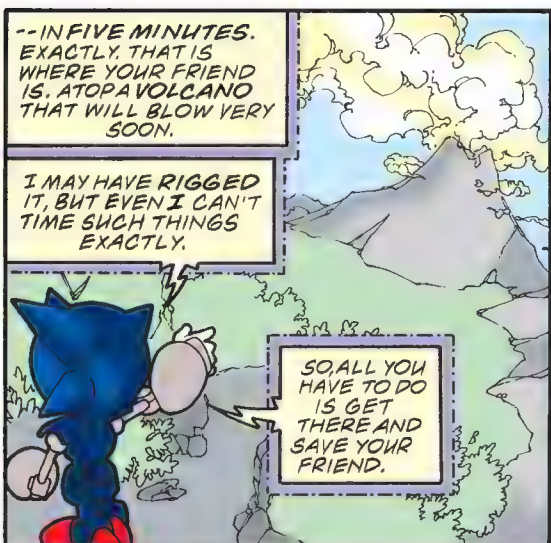
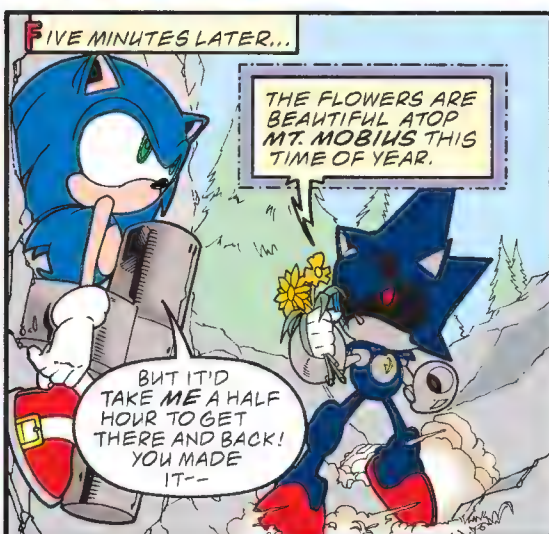


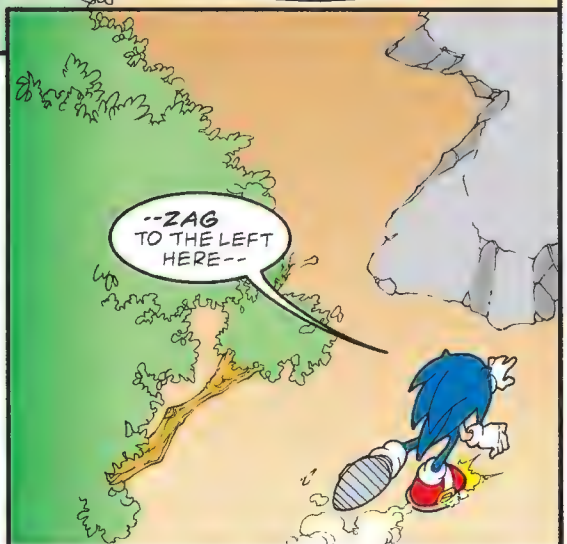
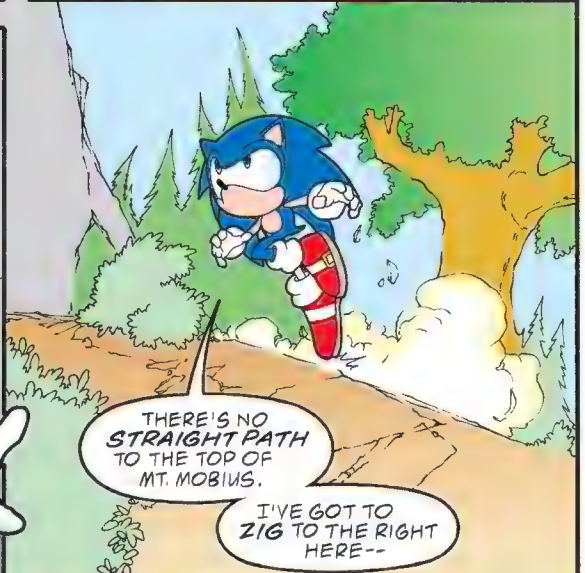
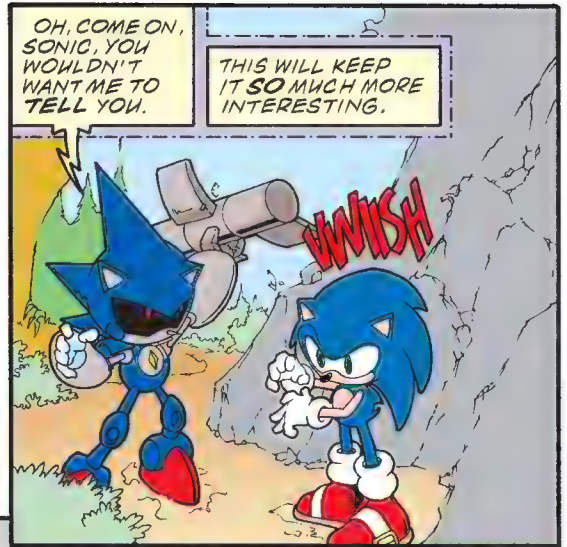
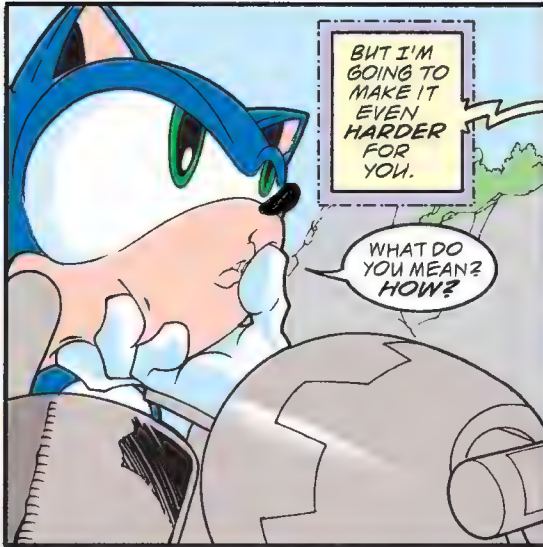


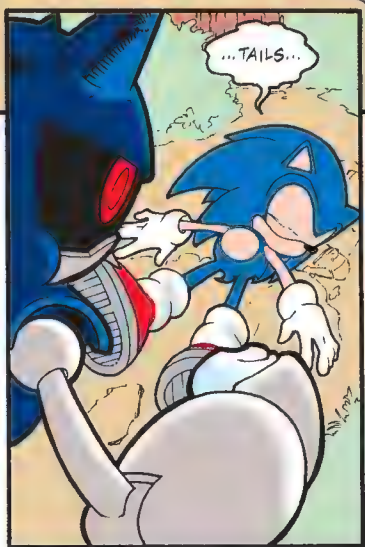
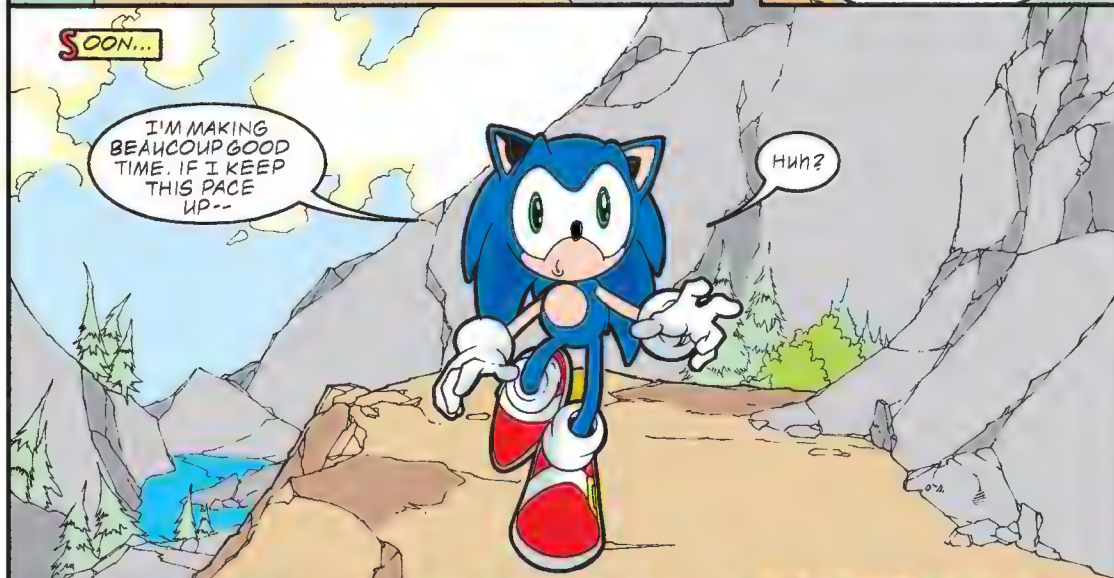


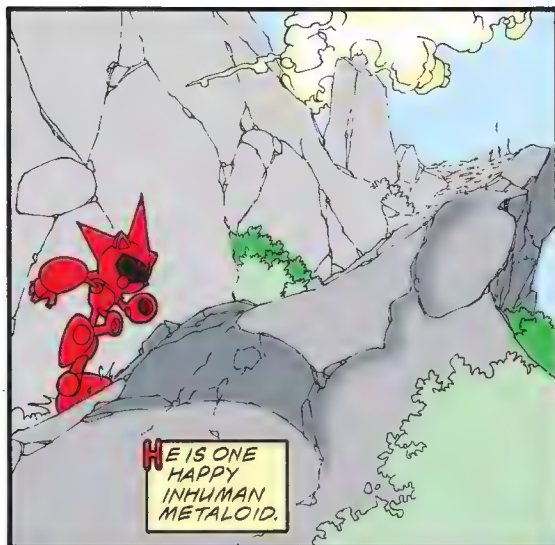
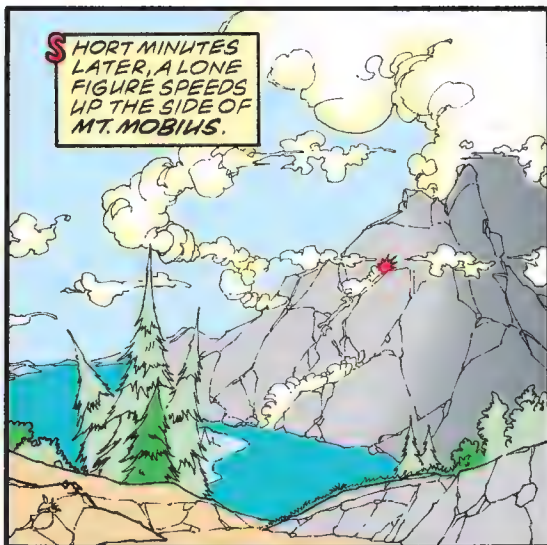






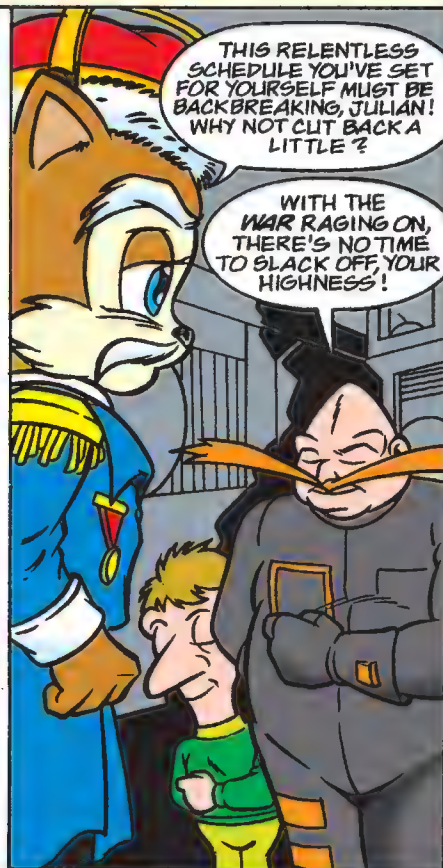






TEN YEARS AGO...

IN DAYS LONG PAST, MOBOTROPOLIS FACED CONFLICT FROM OUTSIDE ADVERSARIES, AND UNBEKNOWNST TO KING MAX, ONE FROM WITHIN AS WELL...



THIS RELENTLESS SCHEDULE YOU'VE SET FOR YOURSELF MUST BE BACKBREAKING, JULIAN! WHY NOT CUT BACK A LITTLE?

WITH THE WAR RAGING ON, THERE'S NO TIME TO SLACK OFF, YOUR HIGHNESS!



THE ADVANCES I'M MAKING WITH TECHNOLOGY WILL GREATLY AID YOUR PEOPLE.

WITH MEDICINAL APPLICATIONS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, WOUNDS AND FATALITIES CAN BE AVERTED-- COUNTLESS LIVES WILL BE SAVED!



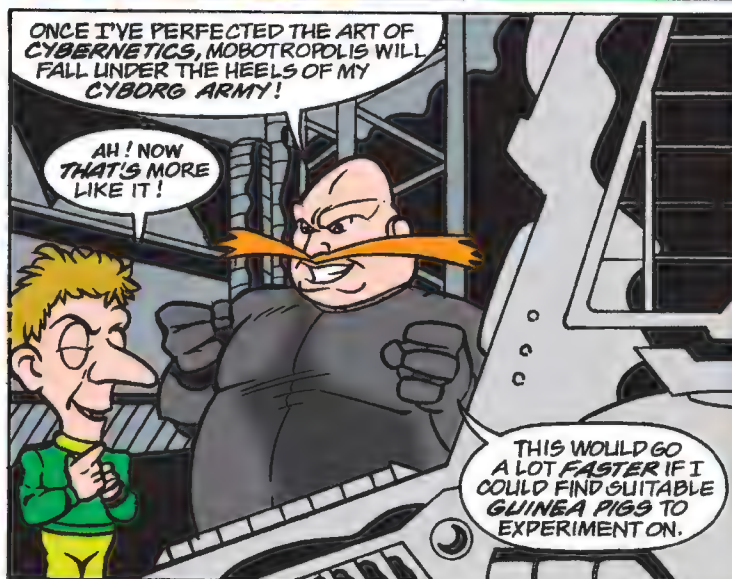
SIGH! VERY WELL--THERE'S NO DISPUTING THAT POINT! YOU'RE DOING GREAT WORK, AND WE'LL OWE YOU A DEBT OF THANKS!

NONSENSE! I AM BUT A HUMBLE TOOL-- IT IS YOUR HUMAN VISION THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE THANKFUL FOR!



FEH! THAT WAS DISGUSTING! HOW COULD YOU SUCK UP LIKE THAT? I'M EMBARRASSED TO CALL YOU MY UNCLE!

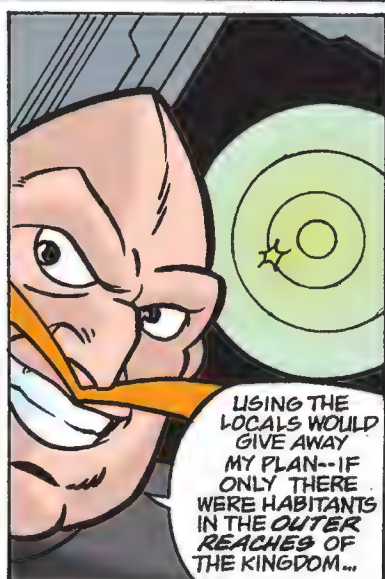
SNIVELY, YOU IDIOT! WOULD YOU RATHER THAT LITTLE RODENT KNOW WHAT I'M REALLY UP TO?



ONCE I'VE PERFECTED THE ART OF CYBERNETICS, MOBOTROPOLIS WILL FALL UNDER THE HEELS OF MY CYBORG ARMY!

AH! NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

THIS WOULD GO A LOT FASTER IF I COULD FIND SUITABLE GUINEA PIGS TO EXPERIMENT ON.



USING THE LOCALS WOULD GIVE AWAY MY PLAN--IF ONLY THERE WERE HABITANTS IN THE OUTER REACHES OF THE KINGDOM...

THE OUTER REACHES OF THE KINGDOM--

--NAMEDLY A SMALL IMMIGRANT
SETTLEMENT NAMED LELING
WEST, WHERE THE NEW NATIVES
ARE RESTLESS...

MONKEY KHAN IN AGAINST THE HAUNTED PAST

PART
ONE

HEY! NO FAIR,
KEN--TACKLING
IS AGAINST THE
RULES!!

SEZ WHO?
I MADE THE RULES UP,
SO I CAN BREAK 'EM
IF I WANT!
YOU'RE LUCKY THAT'S
THE ONLY THING I'M
BREAKING!

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WAZ HERE!

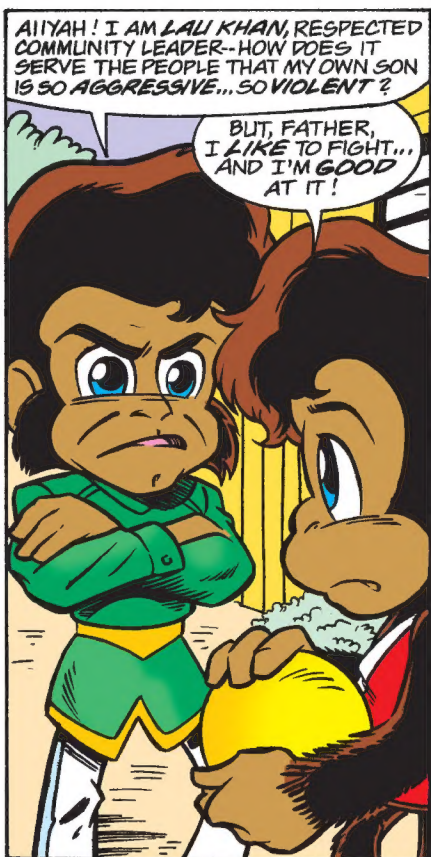
LOOK
OUT! KEN'S
GONE
PSYCHO
AGAIN!!

KEN KHAN!
HAVEN'T I SCOLDED
YOU BEFORE FOR SUCH
ROUGHHOUSING?

BUT, FATHER-- WE WERE
ONLY PLAYING...!

HE NEARLY
BROKE MY BACK,
LORD LAU.

PLAYING
WITH KEN IS
HAZARDOUS
TO YOUR
HEALTH!



AIYAH! I AM LALI KHAN, RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER--HOW DOES IT SERVE THE PEOPLE THAT MY OWN SON IS SO AGGRESSIVE... SO VIOLENT?

BUT, FATHER, I LIKE TO FIGHT... AND I'M GOOD AT IT!



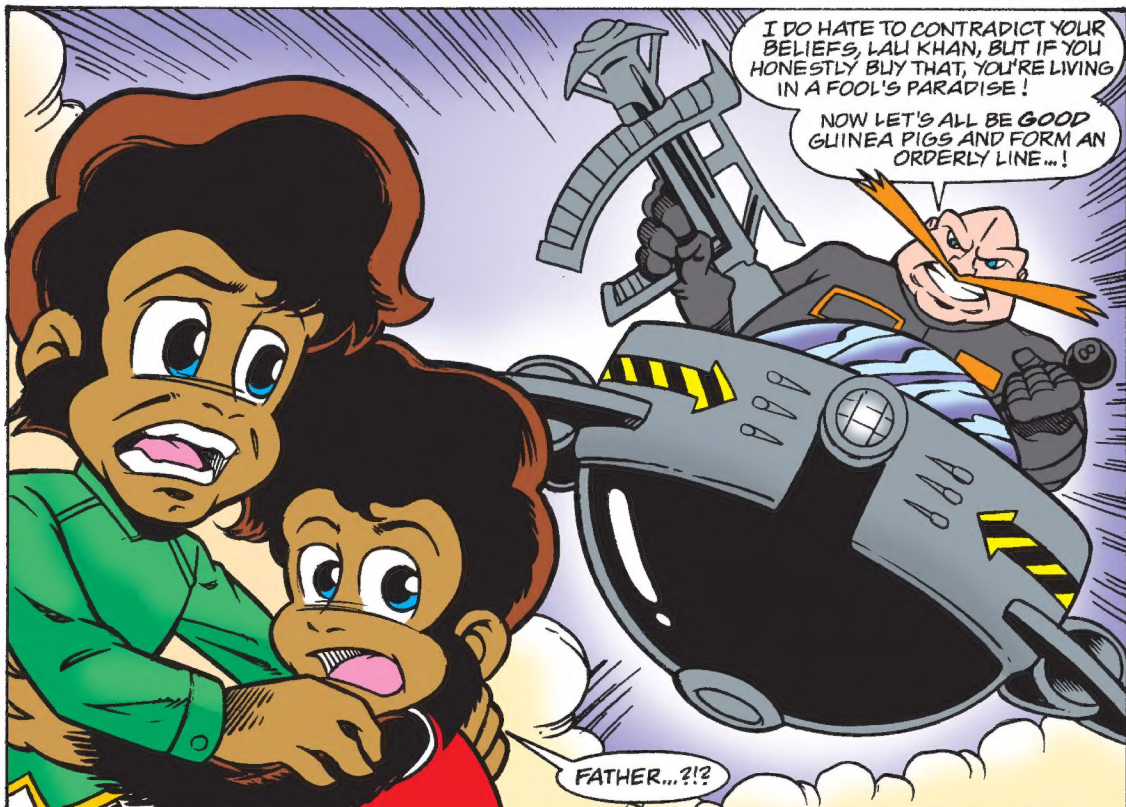
LELING WEST IS A COMMUNITY OF PACIFISTS, ARTISANS, AND INTELLECTUALS-- FIGHTING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR!

AND IF WE ARE EVER FACED WITH THE EVENT OF WAR, WHAT THEN? HOW WILL WE DEFEND OURSELVES WITHOUT FIGHTING?



KEN, THERE IS NO CONFLICT THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND REASON!

THAT IS WHY WE ANNOUNCED OUR NEUTRALITY TO THE WAR BETWEEN THE OVERLANDERS AND THE KINGDOM OF ACORN!



I DO HATE TO CONTRADICT YOUR BELIEFS, LALI KHAN, BUT IF YOU HONESTLY BUY THAT, YOU'RE LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE!

NOW LET'S ALL BE GOOD GUINEA PIGS AND FORM AN ORDERLY LINE...!

FATHER...?!?

EVENTUALLY...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
MY THEORIES OF CYBERNETICS
WERE *SOUND* ENOUGH...

... AND YET THESE
MONKEY-BOYS' BODIES KEEP
REJECTING MY CYBORG-
IMPLANTS !

NONE OF THEM
WAS *STRONG* ENOUGH
TO ADAPT...

...NONE BUT YOU, THAT IS,
YOUNG KEN KHAN-- MOBIUS'S
FIRST CYBORG !

HERE I WANTED AN ARMY
OF CYBER-SOLDIERS, AND INSTEAD
I GET ONE *CHIMP* WITH A BIG
STICK ! I'LL BE THE LAUGHING
STOCK OF MOBOTROPOLIS IF
THIS EVER LEAKED OUT !

STILL, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO
GIVE YOU A ROAD TEST BEFORE
I GIVE UP ON THIS IDEA,

I WONDER WHAT
SORT OF *MILEAGE*
YOU GET ... ?

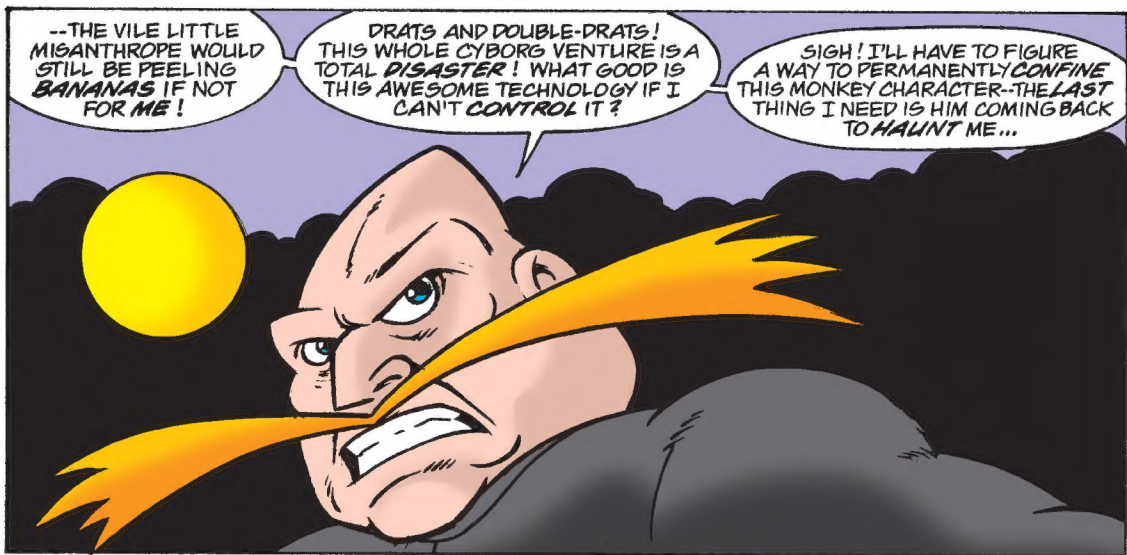
PERIMETER SECURITY
CHECKS OUT, SARGE--
NOTHING OUT OF THE
ORDINARY.

NO SURPRISE
THERE, BRIGGS,
THOSE MANGY
ANIMALS AREN'T
STUPID ENOUGH
TO ...

HEADS UP,
TROOPS ! WE'VE GOT
A *BOGEY* COMIN'
IN FAST !

WHAT--
ONLY *ONE* ?
THAT'S
NUTS !





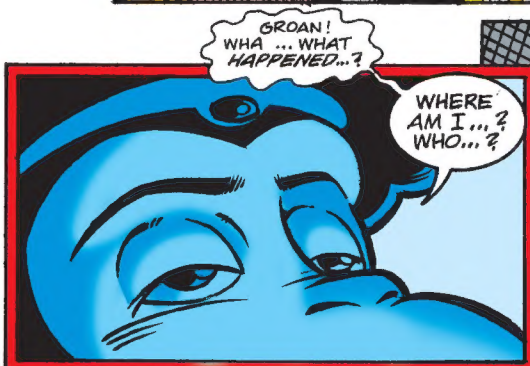
--THE VILE LITTLE MISANTHROPE WOULD STILL BE PEELING BANANAS IF NOT FOR ME!

DRATS AND DOUBLE-DRATS! THIS WHOLE CYBORG VENTURE IS A TOTAL DISASTER! WHAT GOOD IS THIS AWESOME TECHNOLOGY IF I CAN'T CONTROL IT?

SIGH! I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE A WAY TO PERMANENTLY CONFINED THIS MONKEY CHARACTER--THE LAST THING I NEED IS HIM COMING BACK TO HAUNT ME...

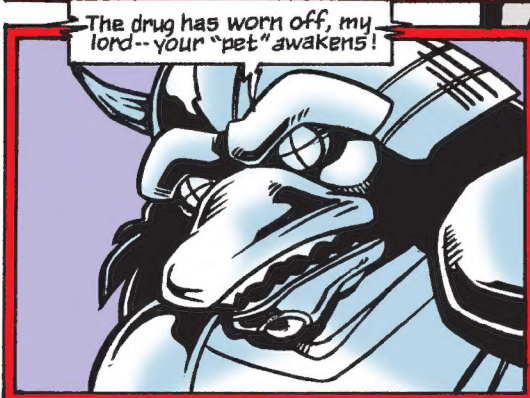
AS THE STORY GOES, ROBOTNIK DID MANAGE TO CONFINED HIS CREATION, THOUGH NOT PERMANENTLY. MANY YEARS LATER, MONKEY KHAN WAS SET FREE¹ AND HE RETURNED TO HIS ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, KAR LEUNG...

...WHERE HIS RESTLESS SOUL FOUND PEACE. AT LEAST UNTIL NOW...

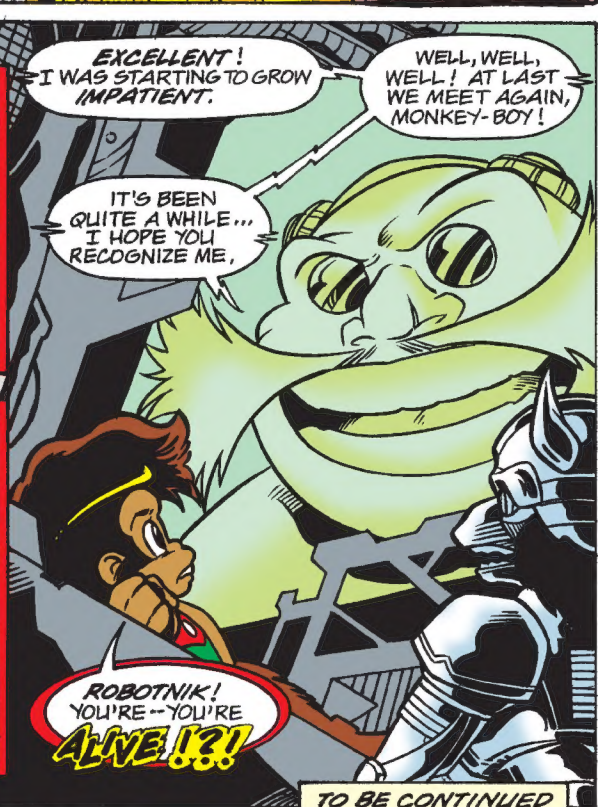


GROAN! WHA ... WHAT HAPPENED...?

WHERE AM I...? WHO...?



The drug has worn off, my lord--your "pet" awakens!



EXCELLENT! I WAS STARTING TO GROW IMPATIENT.

WELL, WELL, WELL! AT LAST WE MEET AGAIN, MONKEY-BOY!

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE... I HOPE YOU RECOGNIZE ME,

ROBOTNIK! YOU'RE--YOU'RE ALIVE!?!?

TO BE CONTINUED